

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

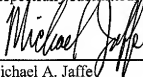
The Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 requiring an election of species. Accordingly, the applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the invention of Species 1 associated with claims (1, 24, 30, 31 and 32) and 25; and claims (18, 33, 39, 40 and 41) and 34, which are drawn to combustion optimization. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests examination at this time of elected claims **1-5, 18-22, 24-25, 30-34, and 39-41**.

As the Examiner is aware, upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to *additional species* which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. The claims of unelected Species 2-5 depend from elected independent claims 1 and 18.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for further examination. If the Examiner believes there are any further matters that need to be discussed in order to expedite prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

If there are any fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0537, referencing our Docket No. NC9441US.

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